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# Did Not See Signal

Edinburgh, Feb. 5.—The crash of the Edinburgh-King's Cross express at Goswick, Northumberland, on October 26 when 28 people were killed and 97 Injured, was largely because the driver, Thomas Begbie, did not observe a distant signal on the line, declared Lieutenant Colonel Wilson, chairman of the resumed inquiry in Edinburgh.

"Nor do I think you tried to observe it," he told Begble. "You kept hoping you would are it and you did not."

Begble said that the "distant" signal was obscured by smoke and steam. When he looked for It at Goswick the home signal was off. He took it for granted that it was safe to go on.

A saller, Leading Stoker Redden, an acquintance of Begbie's. had been given permission by him to travel on the footplate. Of his presence, Lieutenant Colonel Wilson said: "I find it very difficult to dissociate the presence of an unauthorised man on the footplate in a serious breach of regulations from circumstances in which the accident occurred."-Reuler.

# De Valera May Lose Majority

Dublin, Feb. 5.—Eire general election figures so far tonight indicate that the Prime Minister, Mr Eamon de Valera, will not have a clear Parliamentary majority but will secure pos- a pro-Mahasabha newspaper. sibly up to 70 seats. This would he four short of a clear majority.

77 seats before yesterday's polling. Hindu Mahasabha for nearly six or seven members from other account of ill-health. parties in the Dall (Lower House of theless, the margin between the Government and the Opposition looks like being narrowed.

Fentures of the election have been the fallure of the Republicans--they are likely to get fewer votes than has been expected—and firm stand-made-by-Fine-Guel:--theposition in the Dail may not show any material change. The party

had 30 sents in the last House. The Labour Party, which had nine well and is not expected to improve | Burmese Government.

its position. Reuter.

EDITORIAL

# RRESTED

# Outlawed Organisation

# EARLY MORNING SWOOP IN BOMBAY

Bombay, Feb. 5.—Before dawn today, squads of armed and uniformed police arrested in their beds scores of members of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, the militant Hindu volunteer organisation, throughout the Greater Bombay area.

By 6 a.m. local time, it was estimated that 300 people, including a number of prominent members of the extremist Hindu Mahasabha, had been rounded up and kept under lock and key.

Among the latter were Mr Vinyak Damodar Savarkar, a former President of the Hindu Mahasabha, Mr A. H. Cadre, President of the Bombay Provincial Mahasabha, and Mr M. Talpade, the Vice-President. Also taken into custody was Mr Jamnadas Mehta, formerly a prominent Member of Congress and latterly an adherent of the Hindu Mahasabha.

Elaborate precautions had been taken to prevent disorders and the arrests were completed with clockwork smoothness a few hours after the authorisation was flashed from Delhi.

Unofficial estimates said today's arrests brought the total of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and Mahasabha members detained since the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi to nearly 700 throughout India.

While the arrests were being made, and searches are continuing in the police also searched premises Poona. members and the office of Prabhat,

Similar action was being taken throughout Bombay Province, according to the authorities here. Mr Vinyak Damodar Savarkar, His party, the Fianna Fail, held who is 65; was President of the

He survived 14 years' transporta-

#### in India and released in 1937. LABOUR LEADER

Mr Mehta, who is 64, has a long curate computation of the total arrecord as a labour leader. He was rests throughout the Dominion, but visit Birla House, where Mr Gandhi principal Opposition party, whose mittee of the Indian National Con- day figure would not be short of where he was cremated. gress in 1926 and Minister of Re- 1,000, and might exceed that figure. venue and Finance of the Bombay | Government in 1937.

seats in the last Dail, is not doing India's representative with the

The state of the parties at 9 p.m. today in Poona, regarded as the main natak GMT was-Fianna Fail 15, Fine centre of the organisation's activities, Gael six, Republicans three, Labour | when the police made an early mornthree, Independent Farmers one -- ing swoop on houses and offices

The police were said to have! Among the arrested was Mr N. G., RSS" in Mysore State, was also seized certain documents from the Abhyankar, described as a provincial arrested.-Reuter. residence of Mr Vinyak Damodar organiser of the Rashtriva Swayamsevak Sangh. The arrests

> and reports from Bezwada. South India, said two RSS men had been taken into custody by the railway police as they were about to board

a train for Nagpur. The police roundup in the Greater Bombay area ceased shortly after The election is expected to return decade until he resigned in 1946 on moon, local time, but searches con-

Parliament), who would be pre- tion in the Andamans penal settle- and Benares recorded similar pared to support Fianna Fail. Never- ment in connection with a political searches although not on the same United Provinces. These were the conspiracy. He was later interned scale as in Bombay, which, with minimum figures.

Poons, has been one of the strongholds of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak

It was impossible to give an ac-

"General Officer Commanding of the to Gandhi.--Reuter-

BOMB FROM ARMOURED

CAR KILLS 4 ARABS

Jerusalem, Feb. 5.-Four Arabs were killed and a

LUCKNOW CORDONED OFF New Delhi, Feb. 5 .-- Military and civil police today cordoned Lucknow while intelligence officers questioned belonging to RSS and Mahasabha! Five arrests were made in Surat, visitors in the search for Hindu about 150 miles north of Bombay, milliants wanted for questioning in connection with the murder of Mr

> Throughout India, armed police searched towns and villages for agents of the militant Hindu organisation banned by the Indian Government yesterday. Hundreds of arrests—some unofficial estimates

said 1,000-were made. Reports from Calcutta, Madras Bombay, 104 in Delhi, 30 in Luck-About 300 people were arrested in now, 13 in Madras and 75 in the

Most of those arrested were released after questioning, a Bombay spokesman said.

Hundreds of people continued to a member of the Working Com- It was believed that the end-of-the- was assassinated; and the Raj-Ghat,

The latest stories of how people The Mysore State authorities, were affected by the shock of Mr falling in line with the Indian Gandhi's death concerned a Sadhu From 1944 to June, 1946, he was Government's ban on the RSS, in (a Hindu holy man) who committed Bangalore today arrested Rao Joshi sulcide, a merchant who went mad Jadhar, described as "General Officer and a man named Godse-the sur-Twenty RSS men were arrested Commanding of the RSS" in Kar- name of the man held for trial on the charge of murdering the Suryanarayano Rao, described as Mahatama—who changed his name

# III.K.—JAPAN AIR LINE

London, Feb. 5,-The extension of the British Overseas Airways Corporation's operations from Hongkong to Japan will, it is hoped, be made in the near future, Mr George Lindgren, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Civil Aviation, told a questioner in the House of Commons yesterday.

He added that ultimately, when adequate technical facilities could be made available, it was proposed that the service should terminate at Tokyo.

Meanwhile, it was proposed to terminate the service at Iwakuni,-Reuter.

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# H. K. And Japan Peace Treaty

# Commons Questions

London, Feb. 5.—The Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlec. told the House of Commons today that, wherever it desirable and feasible. colonial governments directly concerned with the Japanese peace settlement would be in- European recovery programme. vited to attach advisers to the British delegations in future

Mr William Teeling, who recently returned from a visit to the Far East, had asked the Prime Minister why the Hongkong Government was not represented at the Canberra talks on a peace treaty with Japan. He also wanted to know whether, "as the Foreign Office is not equipped to put Hongkong's point of view," the colony would be more adequately represented at any fur-

of these talks was an informal ex- urea of the world. change of views on broad lines and Commonwealth Ministers.

#### COLONY'S INTERESTS "The interests of Hongkong, as of other Far Eastern colonial territories,

Kingdom delegation. "The United Kingdom delegation, at meetings of this kind, do not represent any single department of

United Kingdom. settlement, we shall naturally con- might be formally made public. tensible to do so, we shall be glad food and raw materials. to invite the colonial governments directly concerned to attach ad- million would be for machinery to Street today fell below the worst visers to the United Kingdom dele- re-equip Chinese factories, gation."—Reuter.

# MAY MARRIAGE FOR MICHAEL

land.—Associated Press.

# \$500 Million Aid To China Plan Proposed

# RELIEF SUPPLIES FOR 15 MONTHS

Washington, Feb. 5.—Aid for China, totalling about \$500 million, is proposed in a State Department plan prepared for the National Advisory Council, the United States policy-making body in the field of finance, a Council spokesman confirmed today.

This estimate—which may be changed somewhat either by the National Advisory Council or by the Bureau of Budget before reaching Congress is somewhat higher than the original tentative figures given to Congress by Mr George Marshall, the Secretary of State, nearly three months ago.

At that time, he spoke for a \$300; million programme to run for 15

The \$500 million project is likely to run for about the same period. American officials said this programme was not comparable to the

European recovery programme. The assistance to be sent under it would be mainly of the relief type, notably over the 15 months, but it was hoped that supplies made available would help in stabilising the situation so that a long range plan might be instituted later.

The programme may be submitted to Congress within the next week or two.

#### OPPOSITION ATTITUDE Its opponents claim that the type

of supplies to be sent to Chinathe wheat, cotton, petroleum, rice, grains, tobacco and flour-will make it more difficult for the United States to fulfil its obligations under the It is also argued that, on past re-

cord, there can be no guarantee that the Nanking Government will make the best possible use of the assislance rendered.

The programme has been prepared at the insistence of the Republicans in and out of Congress-Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Governor Thomas Dewey, of New York, Mr John Foster Dulles, and many others are among its proponents-who have intimated that they would be prejudiced against the Marshall Plan unless the State Department made efforts to "stop United States has slumped from over Mr Attlee replied: "The purpose Communism" in an equally critical 460 to less than 435. Nearly eight

The Senate Foreign Relations without commitment between the Committee is expected to start hearings\_of\_the\_new\_\_programme-later |-- Everybody-- supposed--that -- the ----this month, as soon as they have dispensed with the Marshall Plan. Later, the State Department placwere represented by the United ed a strict curtain of secrecy over the China aid programme.

# CIVILIAN PROGRAMME

A spokesman said Mr Marshall the British Government, and it is personally had ordered the enforcetheir normal responsibility to re- ment of a "no comment" rule. He present the interests of the colonial even refused to discuss the National trading in Paris became legal, the empire, equally with those of the Advisory Council's spokesman's assertion that the plan calls for ap- premiums of exactly 100 percent "In any further conferences con- proximately \$500 million for China over even the free market price of cerned with the Japanese peace and declined to say when details the dollar. tinue to discharge this responsibili- Later it was learned that some ty, but, wherever it is desirable and \$470 million dollars would be for coming for some time. In relation

It was understood that the Na-

tional Advisory Council had already approved the programme and its United States Government bonds on final presentation to Congress was, therefore, probable within the next The programme, as now drawn ing the huge sum of about \$500

of Bourbon-Parma said today his volve no military expenditure, of the New York Federal Reserve daughter Anne probably would despite the insistence by some Re- Bank stated last week that if the marry former King Michael of publicans that Generalissimo Chiang support were withdrawn, the bottom Rumania here in May. Both the Kai-shek should be given direct as- would fall out of the market .-young persons are now in Switzer- sistance in his war with the Com- Reuter. munists.—Reuter.

# New York Stock Market Slump

### Sudden Rush To Sell

New York, Feb. 5.—Wall Street blamed "Washington" and the fear of further European currency devaluations for yesterday's price drop in the American stock and commodity markets-which was the biggest drop for over a year.

From coast to roast, people rushed to sell their holdings, wiping out about \$1,000 million in the market valuations of stocks.

Sales totalled over one million shares and stock quotations in the New York Exchanges dropped one dollar to an extreme of five dollars

Since Christmas, the index of points of that decline occurred yesterday alone.

French free market would register a distrust of some currencies against the dollar. What it has, in fact, registered is a distrust of all currencies, including the dollar against

### GOLD COINS PREMIUM

Yesterday, the first day that gold prices of gold coins there reached

Wall Street has seen a slump to the profits they are making. The additional \$30 million to \$40 prices of American shares on Wall ratios of the 1931 slump.

Since November, the prices of Wall Street have been pegged only by continuous and very expensive official support, which has been tak-Copenhagen, Feb. 5.—Prince Rene up, is a strictly civilian one and in- million per week, and the President

A fire which broke out in the engine room of the Hain Kung So gramme are the construction of a | Lunghwa's radio communications while the steamer was on her way Jerusalem, Feb. 5.—The British control station here to be used as system has been integrated with from Macao to Hongkong this morn-Palestine police reinforcements as today declared limited martial law the centre of a nationwide air com- Tokyo, Guam, Manila, Salgon, ing. later spread to the No. 1 hold. and in response to an appeal the Tiberias road, withdrew after a the Jewish demand that the United tion of an international terminal Another step forward in civil Hongkong Fire Brigade despatched a

Under the new decree residents of Mr Tal An-kuo, director of the and National Defence, by which the far received from the steamer, the

The ship is reported to be out of

Important Shanghai Airport Development Scheme

local British commander, came in offer of the use of Aquire Airport, Far East is under the direction down deadline, were forced to lay/ Ship On Fire to effect at eight o'clock local time about 15 miles from Jerusalem, when this morning in the Tiberias area, it begins its investigations in of the government Bureau of over at intermediate points enroute

and out of Shanghal.

they were attacking traffic on the. in northern Palestine in the wake of munications network, and the erec- Bangkok and other cities. Nations approve the formation of a building to be used by both domes- aviation. Mr Tai said, was an fire float at 10.30 a.m. Jerusalem reports said 12 Arabs Jewish militia to guard the entire tie and foreign airlines operating in agreement between the Ministries of

places. Now traffic at Lunghwa is The two major phases of the pro- on a 24-hour basis.

Communications, Foreign Affairs According to meagre reports so

A British soldier was killed and the Tiberias area around the Sea bureau, pointed to work already civil bureau will have jurisdiction fire broke out while the ship was off be intensified after dark in an three wounded when an Army of Galilee are prohibited from leav- completed or started, which will over all foreign planes entering Lantac. effort to thwart thieves and footplay an additional role in making China. convoy fought its way under heavy ling their homes. The restrictions were clamped Shanghal an international air centre. Mr Tal also pointed to improve- One hundred and forty passengers pads from reaching their objecfire through three road blocks on the A 6,000-foot north-south runway ments now under way at Hankow, were aboard, but they have all been tives. Apprehension of evil-doers Jerusalem-Hebron road, believed to down only a few hours after the has been completed and in use at Amoy, Tientsin, Foochow and Canton, safely disembarked. before they can commit their have been manned by Arabs. new Arab invasion of North Pales-Lunghwa airport, and a new night as other evidences of nationwide procrimes will so a long way toward Saboteurs last night struck at tine yesterday near Rose Pina, seven landing lighting system was com- gress being made to raise China's the elimination of lawlessness in Palestine's railway communications, miles north of the Sca of Galilee pleted the first of the year. The new international aviation rating.—United control. destroying important sections of the on the Palestine-Syrian border.-Hongkong. two chief railway lines. A section United Press. system added materially to Shang- Press.

were killed, but there were no Bri- Holy Land, including Arab areas.

WEDNESDAY'S gun battle in YY the Western District is another grim reminder that Hongkong continues to be affileted with the presence of criminals as desperate in character as any of the notorious old-time Chicago gangsters. And the audaelous challenge to the authority of the police made by these heavily armed men is a sobering Indication of the utter contempt for are making the law, order, or life held by these types. There is this consolation: a gang of thugs has been effectively broken up. One died in valu deliance of the police; two others were wounded and will, it is presumed, in due course be charged; one only, so far as can be ascertained, managed, to escape. Another measure of satisfaction to be derived from the grim drama is that the bravado of the criminals was more than matched by the gallantry of the police officers who shot it out with the gunmen with skill and determination. Sub - Inspector Dempsey and Detective-Sergt. Wong Fuk were wounded in line of duty, but they, together with the remainder of the Chinese and European officers who took part, have good reason to congratulate themselves on the successful outcome of the affray, while the public will gain comfort and confidence from the knowledge that our pollcemen are more than a match for the most militant desperadoes. The Xu Lok Lane gun battle serves to bring into sharp focus the heavy responsibilities devolving on the police authorities in maintaining law and order. Gun battles, it is true, are not everyday events, but

# Gun-Toting Desperadoes

a study of the Criminal Sessions calendars for the past 19 months shows very distinctly that more and more criminals in Hongkong are carrying arms and are prepared to use them either against their victims or the police. The police have shown more than once that they are not afrald of carrying out their duty to the full when attempting to apprehend these gangsters, but a doubt arises in the mind whether they i most effective use of their powers to search. Sudden, and perhaps to all intents and purposes .unwarranted searching of individuals in the streets or on trams and buses, is not particularly popular with the public, but if dignity will have to give way to the urgent need of Arabs. doing everything to safeguard the interests of the community. The duty of the public is to assist the police by willing co-operation. Right of refusal to be searched or resentment of the inconvenience can only be conceded to those who are guilty, either in what they possess at the time, or in conscience. It is noticeable that a great deal of robbery goes on between midnight and daylight, which suggests that our criminals enjoy too much freedom of movement during the night. Police searching of individuals should

fifth was wounded by a bomb which was thrown from a Jewish armoured vehicle tonight on the main Gaza-Beersheba road. They were travelling in a jeep of the track was torn up south of As they waited by the roadside for damaged in several places. help, they were attacked by the Jews, an official statement said.

British troops, was fired at by night; and Jewish sources reported Arabs today while travelling to they had been sabotaged. Sarafand, Palestine's biggest Army Mr David Ben Gurlon, head of the there were no casualties.

HOUSE CURFEW

British paratroopers and guardsmen were keeping strict watch today in the Sea of Galilee area of such searching produces positive Palestine, near the Syrian border, before the end of the British where British troops yesterday mandate, he declared. fought a large force of infiltrating

where the Arabs-believed to be Palestine, a Reuter despatch from Civil Aeronautical Affairs. 150 strong—were reported to have Lake Success reported.—Reuter. crossed from Syria.

The Arabs, engaged by troops and three-hour battle.

when it skidded and overturned. Haifa and the Jaffa-Jerusalem line TELEPHONES SABOTAGED

Telephone and teleprinter lines A British Combined Services between Jerusalem and the all-Jewish Entertainment unit, escorted by city of Tel-Avly went dead late last

Jewish Agency Executive, warned The guards returned the fire and in Tel-Aviv that if the United Nations did not support the creation of a Jewish militia, the Jews would "defend themselves anyhow." The British authorities had so far

refused to discuss with the Jewish before the end of the British mandate, he declared.

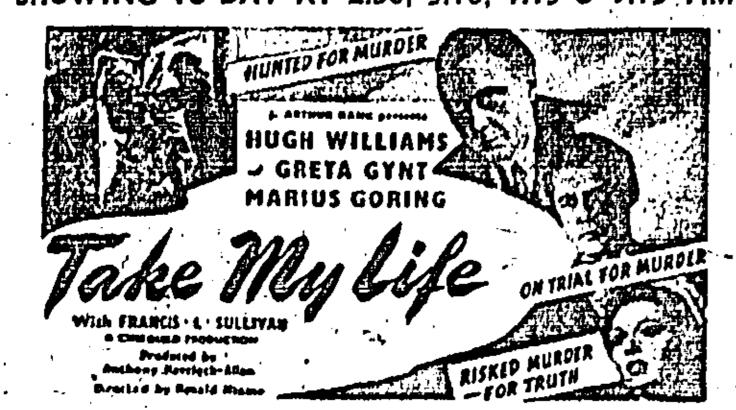
The United Nations Palestine Commission has accepted a British offer of the use of Aquire Airport.

Shanghai, Feb. 5. — A conhai's facilities, as previously no night landings or take-offs were permitted, and planes in transit delayed by weather or other causes who could not make their sunrise to sunch formula to make their sunrise to sun-A house curiew, imposed by the Commission has accepted a British

MARTIAL LAW

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# THE BLOW FATE STRUCK AT SIR FELIX POLE

By BERNARD HARRIS

HROUGH fields near a mel- He knew that seats on the G.W.R. miles from Rending trains of the British Railways speed along towards the West Coun-followed by an invitation to become try. Occasionally an engine will u.G.W.R. director. give a shrill blast on its whistle. For the driver will remember

that those fields and that counwas once his chief.

And nationalisation has not yet effaced the wish to give him a a closely kalt organisation, with The owner of the fields hears the

whistle and the rumble of the trains But he can no longer see them.

#### SIX OPERATIONS

ways to the State, But he has Job read a line of the Parliamentary de- Sir Felix no good cause to enthuse

general manager ever to be dostall- 1805. Nelson would have received ed at Paddington, has gone blind. He the wrong orders, cannot even distinguish day from So he is not optimistic about our

Christmas ago. First there was a come under the sway of the bureauburst blood yessel, then a detached crats. retina. Three operations were at-

meant three more operations. They of railways, were not successful.

about railways, Sir Felix told me that the chances of recovering his sight are "pretty slim."

keeps so closely in touch with affairs tage of the 1921 grouping. that he has been asked to remain a director of six big enterprises, con- centralised manufacture of locomotrolling many millions of capital. In 1929 Sir Felix startled the a great deal of costly competitive business world by abandoning what designing. was thought to be his only love-the Similarly with competing lines. Sir C.W.R.—to become chairman of Felix was anxious for example, to Associated Electrical Industries, by put Swansea on the main line by

he resigned the chairmanship but its line to Swansea. continued as a director. When Also, more might have been done blindness overtook him, he offered to in co-ordinating road and rail serresign from the board.

The new chairman, Mr Oliver "The railways blundered and Lyttelton, and his colleagues would blundered over road transport," he have none of it. They valued Sir said. "Bus companies, which were that they urged him to stay.

#### EXPERIENCE COUNTS

of A.E.I.'s chief subsidiaries. Sir inexplicable."

Felix is still chairman. He helps also to guide the affairs of a large dredging company, the docks at Milford Haven, and an en- If State ownership is to be a sucterprise engaged in electrical con- cess, Sir Felix thinks the Transport about British Communism totracting. He is a director, too, of Board must avoid the at all costs the day. Gatwick and Gravesend.

he says, "experience still counts for unless you get the proper spirit runsomething—for a few years, any-ning through it," he says. "So it is

Swindon.

In the archives at Paddington every confidence in his ability.' there still rests the testimonial he But the name given to the new brought with him from the local set-up irritates Sir Felix. vicar in 1891-"Give this lad a "Why British Railways with an chance and he will soon make his 's'?" he asks, "When we absorbed

The new boy earned promotion call ourselves the Great Western faster than anyone before him. Railways, Within 30 years of handing in the "The right name now is the testimonial he had gone as far as he British State Railway. And it's could go-he was general manager. sheer nonsense to operate under such had his eye on the directorate.

low country house three board were, barred to full-time

So when he was offered the chairmanship of Associated Electrical Industries he accepted it.

. Sir Felix found Associated Electry house belong to a man who trienl a group of competing, concerns, unco-operative and financially not very strong. He handed it over to his successor

> what he calls the "A.E.I. spirit" running through all its parts, and with reserves of many millions of pounds. The final stage of that consolidation cost him his sight. During the

Intricate negotiations his eyes started to give trouble. He ought to He knows all the complex details have gone to bed for some months. involved in the transfer of the rail- But he insisted on completing the never seen the Transport Bill nor. His business experience has given

bates which led up to the great take- about the men, who sit in offices in Whitehall. He once sald that the battle of Trafalgar would not have For Sir Felix Pole, youngest been won had there been radio in

chances of cheap and comfortable His slight began to fall three travel now that the rallways have

 But he thinks nationalisation was inevitable. The idea had been talk-Then a cataract formed. That ed about from the very beginning

#### In his study, fined with books: WHERE THEY FAILED

 After allowing for the results of years of war, he believe that State His "eyes" now are his nurse and ownership was hastened by failure his recretary. With their aid he of the railways to take full advan-

They could, for example, have tives and rolling stock and cut out

far our biggest group of electrical connecting the old Port Talbot railway with the L.M.S., but he failed When his eyes started to go wrong to persuade the L.M.S. to give up

perience they seldom connected with not easy to be impartial.

"And the differences in road and

### A GOOD TEAM

sation:

"Even when you are sightless," "No company will work properly with a State enterprise.

\_Son\_of\_a\_Wiltshire\_schoolmaster,\_\_\_"Sir\_Cyril-Hurcomb,\_head\_of\_the he started as a 14-year-old clerk in Transport Commission, starts with a the G.W.R. telegraph department at good team. If he can fire their enthusiasm he should do well. I have

other companies in 1921 we didn't

Committee (Western Region)."

THE President of the tapped the bathing beauty's knee Nothing to do with me

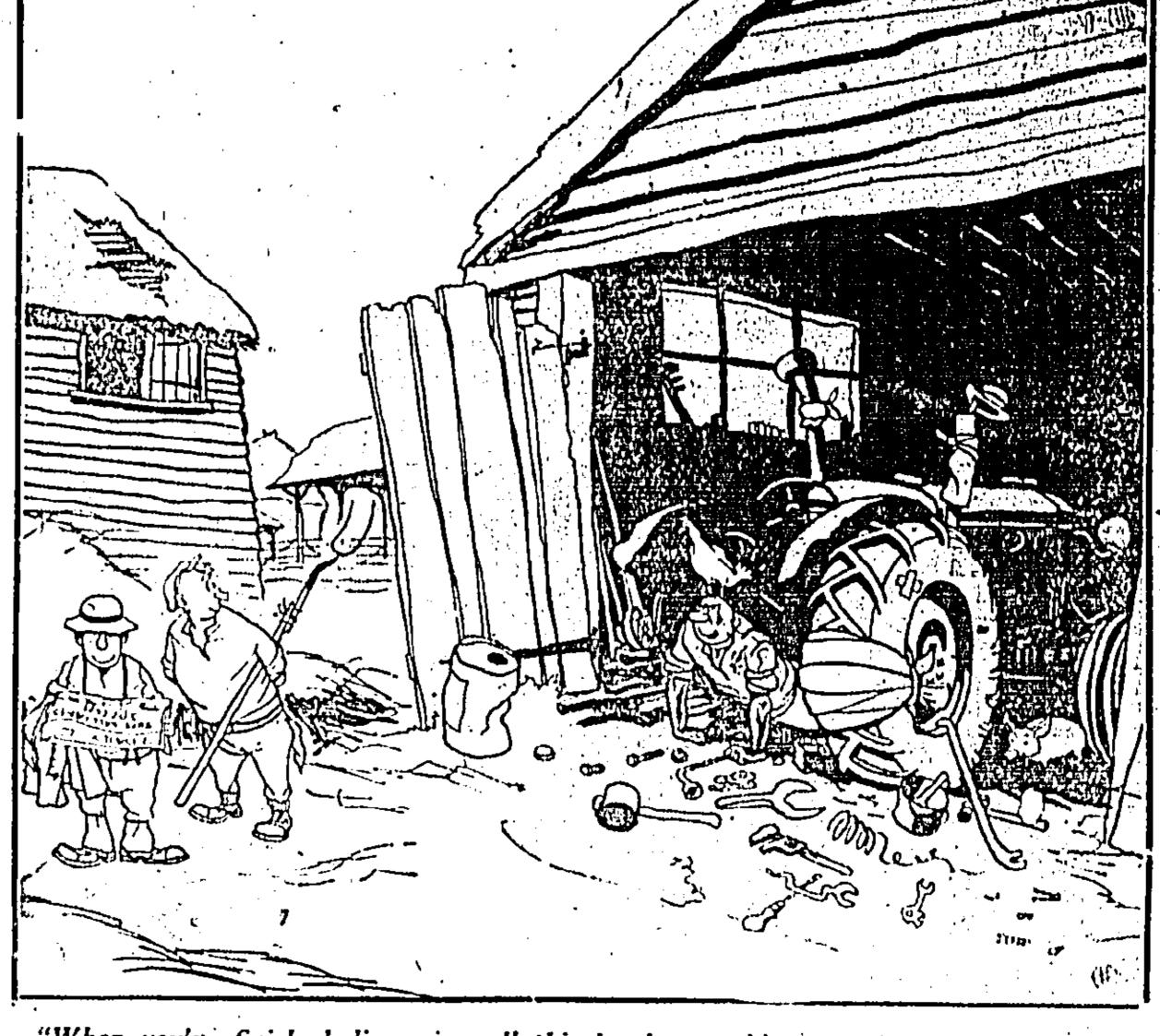
"Oh," vouchsafed a history don,

The Professor of Mathematics

paused opposite a small blonde girl.

THE WAY by Beachcomber

"Are you Miss Jelks?" he asked. Restaurant piece



"When you've finished discussing all this lovely marchinery we're going to have in a few years' time, could you fetch me another piece of string?"

# Blues vote

By 566 votes to 112 Cambridge Union Debating Society

last month carried the motion "That Communism presents the greatest contemporary menace to British liberty." Main speakers were Communist Harry Pollitt and Tory M.P. Henry Strauss. As a commentary on their discussion TREVOR EVANS now adds this estimate of the Communist Party in Britain . . . . .

port of the debate as it key jobs in the trade unions came from Cambridge, than they do today. And that Felix, though sightless, so highly partly owned by the railways, used one thing was very clear: Comthe station yards, but in my ex- munism is a topic on which it is

In a debate of violent attack Of British Thomson-Houston, one rail fares for identical journeys were and counter-attack there seems to be one point which was not adequately developed.

Yet it is the major paradox

Some say the party has never been so ineffectual politically. I hink that is an exaggeration, It and 1941.

2. The industrial influence of the Communists has probably never been potentially more disturbing.

But Sir Felix was ambitious. He mouthfuls as Railway Executive Support them unwaveringly the votes when he became general though not formal members of

Mr Orson Welles when told.

alibut but that's orf."

than they do today. And that in spite of Jim Hammond's decashire miners.

What is the difference between a Communist politically and dustrially?

### Difference of degree

TT is a difference of degree. Communist on the political plat-1. Both the membership of form urges the overthrow of the the Communist Party and its present Constitution. A Communist Two years later there was a senpolitical influence are on the in trade union office is not for ever sational strike at one of the greatest the prelude to one.

munist. But he still does his job as sent was one of the five in Lord was pretty low between 1939 a militant trade union leader. That Swinton's dossier. is why he was elected. Not because he is a Communist.

Arthur Horner is an example. He is one of the three greatest miners' leaders of this century. There have a stoppage in nine of them." never been more than 15,000 Communists at any one time among our miners. Yet Communist Arthur secretary.

because Mr. Horner was elected the majority of the miners who voted for him were Communists. He not in complain when incidents of the because of his negotiating record early war years are used against

# Figures mislead

LETTER to a morning paper NO one in Britain knows exactly begs to draw attention to "cer- I how many Communist suptain inaccuracies in the article 'Lost! porters there are in any one of the 900 million pounds of margarine." major unlons. The Horner example Anybody who could lose nine results. hundred million pounds of mar-

The best informed experts in the ously silent. "Don't try any funny stuff," garine must not only detest the stuff shouted the beauties, in chorus, "Get very violently but must be an ex- trade union movement estimate that ceedingly clever person, "To lose among the miners the Communists such a quantity of margarine is no hold 20 percent of the paid offices. mere sleight-of-hand," commented Among the engineers, builders, and electrical workers they hold 15 percent, of the elected offices.

waymen, and below 10 percent, in Little more than urge all trade your mother. She was my queen. WHE girl anded me three sorty the transport workers, general unionists to imitate the energy of - pertaters in a wet saucer and workers, and tailors. The 'Com- the Communists. For it is individual said the ash is orf so ere's the pom munists have made no appreciable energy and organisation which is MD whose queen are you?" in- "You make me sick," said the leconayses what went with the impact on the textile operatives and the strength of the minority "Red agricultural workers.

That is a general picture of the successes gained. It is reasonable to deduce that the proportion of Communists, members and sympathisers, in the rank and file membership of these unions is even smaller, If this be so why all the fuss?

Here is a story which may explain. EADING through the re- the party, have never held more in the early months of 1941, Lord Swinton, then head of one of the most important security committees, sent for me. He showed me the results of an investigation feat as president of the Lan- into all the strikes in Britain's war plants which had taken place in the first 18 months of the war.

A high proportion of these strikes had taken place in factories in which one or other of five men had been employed. The last of the strikes involving these men took place on June 18, 1941. Four days later Russia was attacked.

preaching revolution, or even acting war plants in the northwest. The \_\_craft\_union\_mainly\_affected\_sent\_one\_ He tempers his handling of trade of its organisers up to tell the men union affairs because he is a Com- to resume work at once. The mon

> That night the organiser recalled that in 20 months he had worked in 15 factories, and added: "We had

### Basis of policy

Communists, and those who Horner secured nearly 60 percent of THE Government knows these things. Its attitude is reflected in the policy of Transport House. It is based on the memorles of yes-It would be wrong to claim that terday and the fears of tomorrow.

The Communists resent this. They and in spite of his Communism, them. They say, with justification: "No one has been more zealous than our members in stepping up Britain's production since mid-1941 to this day."

the "menace" of the Communists, the general council of the Trades indicates how misleading are election Union Congress, most vulnerable organisation of all, has kept curi-Why? Because the easiest course

In the recent controversy about

would be the most dangerous. Ban Communists from trade unions and you invite the creation of rival organisations.

It is slightly less among the rail- What, then, can the T.U.C. do? Menace."

quired the Chairman, as he beautiful Miss Jelks.

YES -- I LIKE

TO RIDE MY

BICYCLE AND

WATCH THE **TELEVISION** 

Louisiana State University, with his gavel.

beauty contests because "I a pout.

learned long ago that every

Though not in the best scholastic

tradition, and though lacking the

dignity of Arnold in his weightier

pronouncements, this remark shows

the part played by films in educa-

lonely old spinster in Miami, reading

this, sighed as she recalled the pen-

dish in the drug store one day.

She was his queen

HAVE ANY

HOBBIES,

JETHRO ?

queen."

of which I was once Bursar, "I didn't come to this banket, to

refused the other day to judge be insulted," replied the beauty with

woman is a queen-somebody's "then why did you come?"

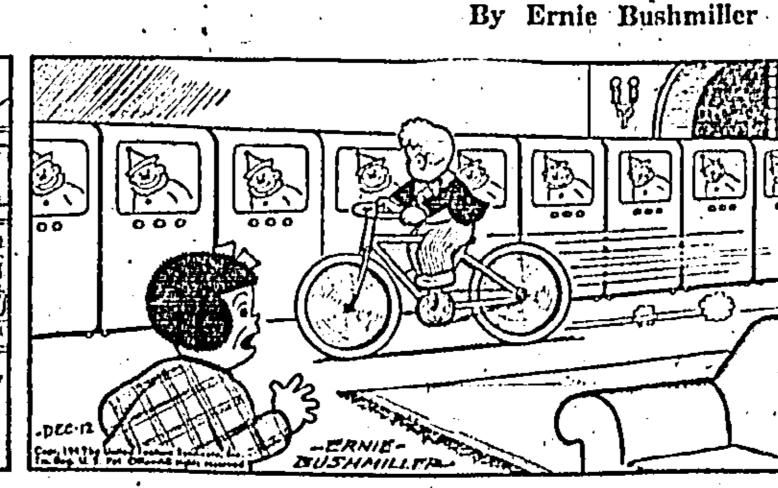
tion. I like to think that some There were tears in his eyes.

niless boy who called her a swell She nodded. "Long ago I knew

No End to His Pleasure

on with the judging."

BOTH AT THE





# BEAUTY ARTS By LOIS LEEDS



Posed for Lois Leeds.

Learn to do your own manieures

at home. Buffing with a good pow-

have removed the band.

PALER AND

PRETTIER

By Carolyn Earle

Latest make-up trends are

of beauty has changed with the

In America this latest way to look is making a big splash from coust,

being variously described as "paler

"portralt in pink," "line Dresden

Vogue's arbiters of glamour say...

"A pastel palette for make-up...in

in all its range from pale coral to

Less Colour

neutral make-up colours which

harmonise with everything and

accord with the changed fashlon

Which means, in other words, light

new gentler colours, mostly pink . .

and prettier," "the pastel look,"

delicaev,"

light fuchsia."

Lois Leeds gives you valuable suggestions.

#### "DEAR LOIS LEEDS"

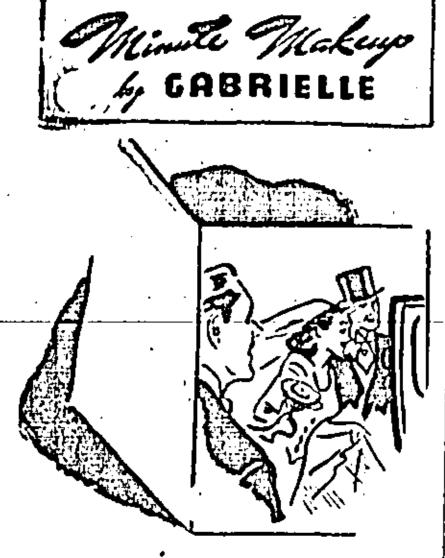
"Dear Lois Leeds-1 am 21 years der-polish often smooths "ridgy" old, hair drab blonde. Would you nails, think it in bad taste to lighten it with a dye"-HELENA,"

Hair can be lightened and brightened by home care and shampooing, brunette, My dark powder gets on but to have it bleached will be a my white hair and yellows it around success only if done by a profest my face. Any suggestions? M. H." sional hairdresser. I see no veason why you should not have it done it. Yes, The a band of absorbent you want to and can afford it, and brindage around your hair when you If you will keep it up once you have be we up. Thus you avoid touching started. Also, if you will change your hair, Go around the habiline your makeup to go with the newscarefully with a tissue after you shade of hair.

"Dear Lois Leeds-My legs are decent enough in shape but the skin Is bumpy, Any cure?-SAL."

Burney chin on the legs often comes because of bad circulation. suggest exercise, plus a good scrubbling with riches stoamy stids and thorough drying and massaging with cold cream. Finish with another · rinse and apply a body lotion. The scrubbing aids in stimulating circus concrete evidence that the ideal

"Dear Lois Leeds-My nails are! Co-ordination has become the rule rough and 'ridgy' since not having among purveyors of glamour, so a professional manieures which I can cosmetic overhaul is needed if you no longer afford. What can I do at wish to join the parade. home?--MRS S."



When you have your Bridal pictures taken don't load your skin with makeup. If you do you'll look flat and dull. Use a dark lipstick to accent your mouth but go easy on the powder. Your skin must reflect the highlights for that Photounder-statement in quantity are the keynotes of delicate make-up die filmiest foundation, so that the natural

Under-statement in colour and

colour can beat through, one dusting. of pale pink, or peach, or gold powder, very little eyeshadow. The new mouth is a decided bow ] (not the Cupid variety), traced in tion the Malays now constitute 45.77 of culture. After a six-month an intense-colour outline, and then percent and the Chinese 38.6 per- course at London, they would pro-

range from red gold to rose through clated Press. cornelian, and along a scale of preity

Entirely blocked out nails wearing deep-toned polish have gone; instead. moons and light tips are "in" again.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"You, I took some medicine, Mom, but I mixed up several kinds so I'd be sure to get the right thing for a stomach-achol"

# Cannes Season Opens Minus Tourists

BY FERNAND D'AINVILLE

Cannes, Feb 5-The "glittering" Cannes winter season has opened. The sun is warm. The sky is blue. The night clubs have each decked two orchestras out in snappy new uniforms. Hotels, beaches and theatres are all polished and open for business. And there's not a customer in sight.

# FEAR LEADS PEOPLE TO TELL LIES

 $\Delta$  university professor be lieves that in view of the many motivations for telling lies is remarkable how much real honesty there is in the world.

Bergen Evans, Professor English at America's Northwestern botels are empty. University, said in a public lecture that persons tell lies because they are consciously or subconsciously and more beautiful than over, but By afraid and insecure.

falsehoods--including greed, vanity, their roulette wheels dead. hatred, and presumptous ignorance-all have their roots in fear,

"We lie because we are afraid," he said. "We are afraid because we nerve to place a lone bet. are insecure, unsure of our wealth and of others' respect, and afraid we shall be despised or injured. More-"Dear Lois Leeds--I am a deep over, nothing breeds insecurity like dishonesty,"

is amazed how much real honesty

#### Never So Prevalent

business is transacted over the tele- pressario said. But some of the phone every day, and a thousand best singers and actors in France commitments made and kept every; are performing every night hour which probably could not be practically empty houses. enforced in a court. Modern business simply could not afford the old gical lectures by Father Riquet, dishonesties of chaffering and weich- former predicateur at Notre Dame, look at the East and West cards. ing, formerly the very soul of shrewdness and enterprise."

He said that despite the pre- hotel man said wistfully. valence of honesty, there probably never has been so much lying in the more than a month and most of

just plain keeping still," he said. "This consists of not saving something that should be said . . . by not registering a protest." But he admitted some lies are

-defensible. "Few friendships and marriages would continue if those involved told only the truth," he observed,

# MORE CHINESE MALAYA

The Chinese population of the Malayan Federation has creased 46.1 percent, over the period 4931-1947, according to first available figures from last trallan Broadcasting Commission, year's census.

accent your own colouring, are in number only to the Malays them- cularly the other units of the Emselves as the largest group in the pire. Malayan Federation. Census figures! show the Malays numbered 2,130,-1 493, the Chinese, 1,880,452.

puts the Chinese in first place in percentage of increase, with 46.1 course would depart on a leisurely percent over the 16-year period sea tour to Gallipolli, Alamein, To-against an increase in Malay popula-bruk and other spots glorious in tion of only 35.2 percent,

alled in with a pale toned lipstick. | cent. The remaining 18 percent is gress to Edinburgh, and thence about Seashell shades for nail lacquers split among other nationals.—Asso- the Empire, for six-month study at

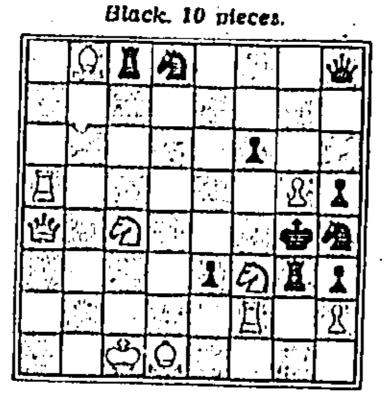
# SHELTER FROM ATOM BOMBS

London's deep underground railway stations would give "complete protection" against any atomic bomb, according to Professor N. F. Mott, president of the British Atomic Scientists' Association.

He told newsmen that it would be "futile" for Britain to engage in an atomic weapons race, and said he did not think the United States or Russia would begin an atomic war because "each side must know its capital city will be destroyed in the first day or two."

"That would be bound to act as a deterrent," he added. "Not even the toughest dictator would stand for that."—Associated Press.

By F. NOVEJARQUE



White 10 pieces. White to play and mate in two. Solution to westerday's problem:

Q X KP any; 2, Q, R, B, or

"If only the tourists realized how wonderful it is here," one hotel manager told me, "they'd come in droves."

The truth is that the tourists do know how wonderful it is, but they cannot be tourists any more. Most were British, who no longer are permitted to take pounds out of Britain for holidays.

Things are so bad that the biggest hotels—the Grand, the Reserve du Miramar, the Martinez-have all closed their doors. The Majestic has remained open with a reduced stail. It has 400 rooms. Only 30 of them are occupied. Some of the smaller

almost deserted. At the Casino, He said other motivations for crouplers huddle discussing politics,

The promenade is freshly painted

the other night I did not have the Bands But No Dancers

The atmosphere was so solema

I went to La Reserve night club. Two bands dutifully beat out tangos, Considering all this, he said, he sambas, swing. There was one couple in the place, and they were much too occupied with other matters to dance. I went home.

"Perhaps the entertainment isn't "Millions of dollars' worth of good enough this year," one im-

> There is even a series of theolo-"It must have been the strikes that scared them away,"

The strikes have been over for the world's newspapers long since One of the most common and have said so. The tourists of most successful forms of lying "Is former years would be here almost certainly—if they only had the money.-United Press.

# TRAVELLING UNIVERSITY **PROPOSED**

3,600 students, studying in all son, a novelist.

Edinburgh, Cape Town, Quebec and could win. Comparison with figures for 1931 Wellington-and one in Philadelphia, Students starting the university Australian military history, as well

Of the Federation's total popula- as to Rome, Athens and other seats each centre,

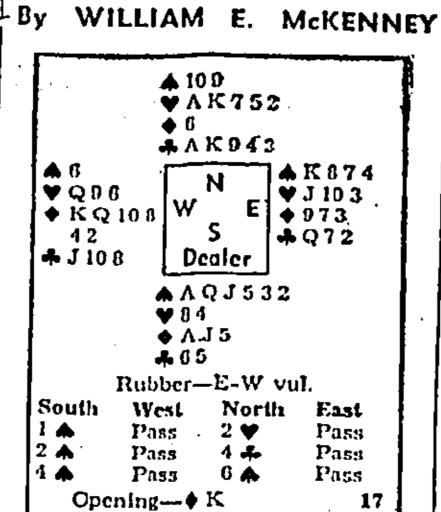
'Henderson would finance the travelling coilege by government funds, students paying no higher tuition than to attend classes in any Australian university.

He pointed out that present uni- Russia on the south. versity facilities in Australia are 6. State the difference between overcrowded, and additional facili- an opera and an operetta. ties are badly needed .-- United Press.

# WHY ARE CARRYING HOUSES BRICK? NOW AND THIS ISA SAMPLE

# OMCKENNEY ON BRIDGE

'Optical Illusion' In 6-Spade Slam



IN order to get the full benefit out You are the declarer, sitting South, and your contract is six spades. You have the ace, of diamonds and you can ruff two diamonds, so you seem to be in a safe contract. There is even a chance that you might make

The question is, what line of play would you select? Would you ruff a diamond in dummy and then, selecting the heart suit to break, would you cash the ace and king of hearts, ruff a heart, and ruff another, diamond in dummy? That line of play would lose because of the fact that East has four spades to the king-eight-

As Peter Leventritt said when he played this hand, it is an optical illusion. You have all the tricksbut when you count them, they do A travelling university of not add up to 12.

He decided to try out the spade finesse first, so he led a heart to parts of the British Common-dummy, then led the ten of spades. wealth. has been proposed for East played low, Leventritt took the Australia by Walter G. Hender- Incesse and led the nine of spades. Again when East refused to cover

In a proposal aired by the Aus-rollan Broadeneting Commission of hearts and ruffed a heart, went Henderson pointed out the need for Australian young men and women to trump, discarding a club, so The Chinese placed second in Australian young men and to trump, discarding a control to know the rest of the world, particular to trump, discarding a control to know the rest of the world, particular to trump, discarding a control to know the rest of the world, particular to trump, discarding a control to know the rest of the world, particular to trump, discarding a control to know the rest of the world, particular to trump, discarding a control to know the rest of the world, particular to trump, discarding a control to know the rest of the world, particular to trump, discarding a control to know the rest of the world, particular to trump, discarding a control to know the rest of the world, particular to trump, discarding a control to know the rest of the world, particular to the control to know the rest of the world, particular to the control to know the rest of the world, particular to the control to the c same thing happened when he led the deuce of hearts. Now the high His plan calls for five training club was played, and East trumped centres in British cities-London, this, but it was the only trick he

# Check Your Knowledge

1. At their widest points, which wider, North or South America? For what traits were the Spartans famous?

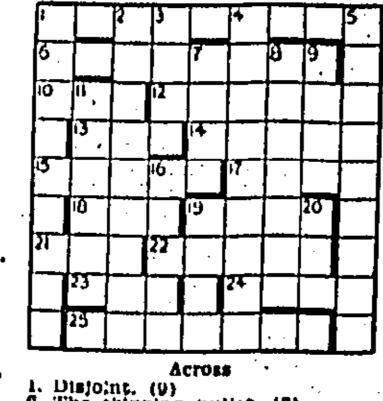
3. When did Cuba become a Re-4. How much of the world's cotton is produced in the United

States of America? 5. Name the gulf that is bordered by Finland on the north and (Answers on Page 4)

# Rupert and the Big Bang-36



After the trail has burned its way out of sight the two friends wait and hold their breath. "When will the bang come?" whispers Rupert. Still they wait and, just as they think the trail must have failed. there comes the most shattering crish. The whole earth shakes, the in fills with dust, more of the ruins topple down and the entrance is blocked. Luckily for Rupert and Bingo a great beam gets wedged above their heads and prevents the ceiling from falling. · ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.



1. Disjoint. (9)
6 The akipping bullet. (8)
10. Binde (8) 12. "Then felt I like some watchbr Returns are usually this: (6)

Mag this between linner and outer. (3) 19, A this helps. (4) 21. The Junior force. (8) 22. Uniadylike. (5) 23. Toy. (8) 24. These strate may be deceiving. 25. When home resignt. (7) Down I. Large, hornless, cushion-footed ruminant. (0)

2. Prison car (anag.), (5. 4)

8. Bound along, (4)

4. Throw down the gauntlet, (9)

5. An advocate of excessive measures, (9)

7. Useful to the potter, (4)

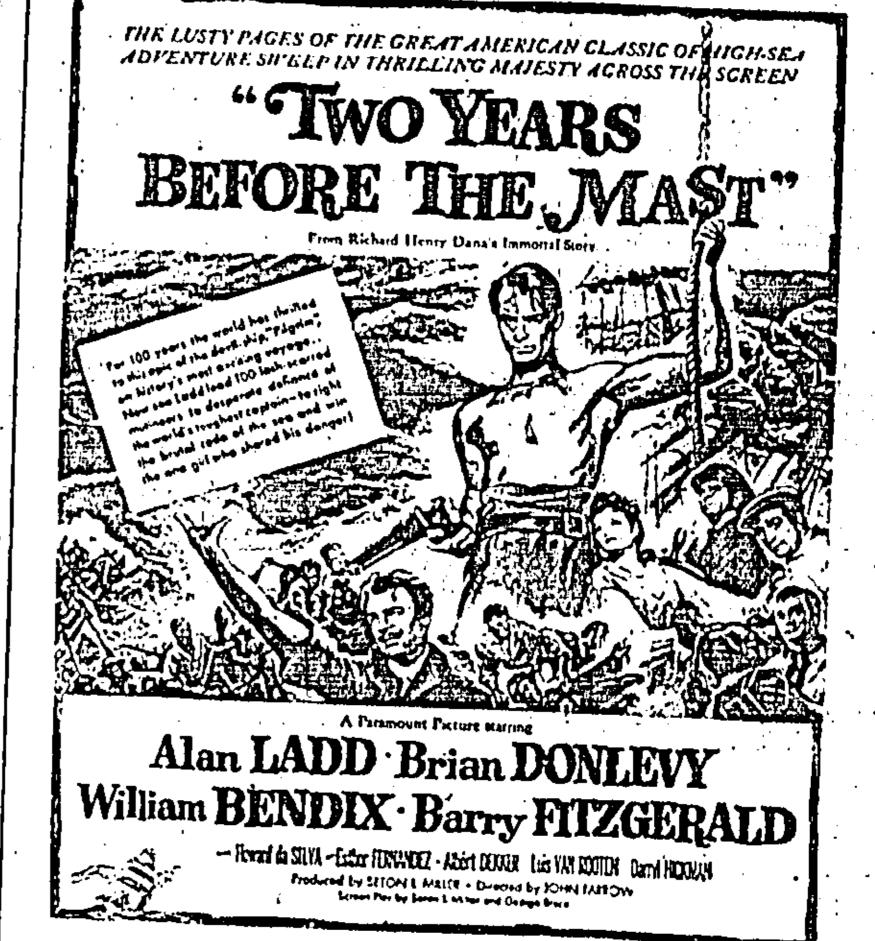
8. Permit, (7) D. Change your mate. (4)
11. Could a sleeve be so described? 16. At this would be an essay, (5)
19. A cricket requisite, (4)
20. Even if this were phony it would be harmonious. (3)

Bolution of yesterday's purels.—Asressi 1. Ludicrous: 7 United: 9 Ply: 11 Big: 12. Anneal: 14. Victory: 15. Enter: 16. Ada: 18. Orown: 21. Stab: 22 Sneek: 23. Tact: 44. Riots: 25. Elsy: 26. Snow. Down: 1. Lubricate: 2. Universal: 5. Dig: 4. Centenary: 5. Operation: 6. Byliabus: 8. Tact: 10. Lay: 13. Nor: 17. Unit: 19. Once: 20 Wet: 41. Skis.

# THE LETT

DAILY AT 2.30, 5.15, 7.15 & 9.15 P.M. 2.30, 5.20, 7.20 & 9.20 P.M.

SHOWING TO-DAY



At 2.30, 5.15, TO-DAY 7.20 & 9.30 p.m.

SHOWING

Screenplay by Oliver H. P. Carrett, Steve Flaher A COLUMBIA PICTURE

# THEATRE

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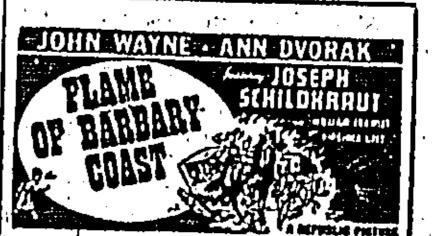
A PARAMOUNT PICTURE

# CRITICAL YEAR FOR UNO

Canada's Justice Minister, Mr J L. Ilsley, said that 1948\_"may well be the decisive year", for the United Nations Council, and warned that the world at large could not afford to permit its failure.

In an address to the Ottawa branch of the United Nations Association of Canada, listey listed as the most vital business yet to be dealt, with by the U.N. the questions? of Trieste, Egypt, the Pacific Islands under United States control, Palestine, India, Pakistan and the Indonesion problem.—Associated Press.





FEBRUARY 7, 8 & 9

Starring Rohart Robert Rebert YOUNG . WITCHIM .

New construction, which must be approved by Congress, includes four sub-

marines capable of extremely high speed submerged, one "hunter killer" ship for destroying submarines, and the giant aircraft carrier which would be more than twice the size of the Navy's present standard flat-tops Sullivan said the Navy had asked Congress in its 1949 budget for US\$230,000,000 for the whole shipbuilding programme, which he estimated would take up to five years to complete, --- Associated Press.

# FAINT SOS MESSAGES

#### BELIEVED FROM MISSING PLANE

New York, Feb. 5.—Hundreds of amateur radio enthusiasts were still keeping a constant watch today after waiting vainly throughout the night for a removal of the faint SOS mes- France Favours sages, thought to have come from the British airliner, Star Western Europe | planes could reach all the shlps were attacked after the the shlps were attacked after the attack, they could have reached a flight from the Azores to Bermuda.

After the search had been abandoned yesterday, faint and distorted radio signals, including the word "Tiger," were picked up from Florida to Newfoundland, and as far inland as Chleago.

American Air Force planes in Bermuda were immediately ordered to stand by, and the United States | to the three Benelux countries, Federal Communications Commission set up mobile listening units to pinnoint the location of the signals if they were renewed.

The original transmission was thought to come from somewhere is the vast stretch of sea between Bermuda and the Leeward Islands, 1,000 miles to the south.

The possibility of a hoax was not overlooked. The messages were sent on the standard wavelength for plane-to-ground communication. The Army Oceanic Control Centre in New York said it had ordered all

a sharp lookout. The Star Tiger, a Tudor-4 machine belonging to the British South American Airways, was carrying 31 people.—Reuter.

# RUSSIAN **OFFICIALS** SACKED

Moscow, Feb. 5.—The dismissal of two high Government officials, including the Minister of Justice, N. M. Rychkov, and a ban on marriages between Russians and foreigners were approved by the Supreme Soviet at its final session today.

The 1948 budget was also approved. Other measures approved included abolition of the death penalty and prescribing of more severe punishment, for divulging state secrets.

The Justice Minister was dismissed on the ground that "he could not cope with his work." Rychkov's Ministry has been under fire from the newspapers for several months

graft and other offences. ment, was removed because he did but the proposed prices were not men and women athletes dominated not provide "correct direction of the acceptable.

event was of extreme significance. The treaty provides that Russia ces, so Persia decided to buy from cut victories in two events, placed and Rumania will give each other the United States. second in another and vaulted from military aid if either is drawn into military operations against Germany Government of having encouraged ing. or any State allied with Germany in Azerbaijan's separalist movement. It was an historic day for Ameri-

Arts Committee."—United Press.

Moscow, Feb. 5.-The Soviet Government today announced that it had signed a 20-year friendship and mutual aid pact with Rumania, designed to block aggression by Germany or any nation directly or indirectly allied with Germany.

The Foreign Minister Vyncheslav Molotov), in a speech at the signing of the treaty, said the event was of extreme significance.-United Press.

### CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

endurance. 3. In 1901. 4. Over 50 Sellly Isles, whose crew have been second round. per cent. . 5. The Gulf of Finland, waiting for 30 days, and Longships | Czechoslovakia, Brazil, Belgium 0. An opera is sung in its entirety while an operetta contains dialogue. End, since last Thursday.—Reuter. byes.

# AUSSIE GENERAL BENNETT DEFENDS BROOKE-POPHAM

Canberra, Feb. 5.—Lieutenant General Gordon Bennett, the Australian commander who escaped from Malaya after the Japanese victory in 1942; today defended Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, whose despatches on the Malayan campaign were published a fortnight ago.

showman. On the contrary, he was quiet, retiring and effi- could not possibly have prevented

"War correspondents criticised him rather severely, due, in my opinion, to the fact that he made no attempt to impress them. Like so many British leaders, he looked on war correspondents as superfluous, "At press conferences, he gave lacking in virile energy. In fact, he had an excellent grip of his task and worked hard and efficiently, though not spectacularly."

General Bennett said: "The staff of the Commander-in-Chief of the Far Eastern theatre was very small and unlike other British staffs in need for news of the destination of World War II, which were extremoly cumbersome.

"He had three principal staff o'llcers, one from each of the services, out as powerful a reconnaissance Apart from these, he had practically unit with a covering unit as he could no staff.

Plane Shortage

but more serious still was the Japanese intended. Maybe it would quality of our planes in comparison have had the effect of warning the with the efficient and superior United States Fleet in Pearl Harbour, ly from civil strife and very Japanese planes."

# Association

Government has replied favour- very little experience and that the maintain the present low cereal ably to the British draft pro- lack of tanks was a serious handicap, consumption. posal for a joint offer of a Western European association It was reliably learned tonight. It is believed Paris has put forward no major modifications to the British draft, which was submitted

The way now seems clear for the

the three Benelux Premiers suggested | with.

i any definite reply, : the Joint Anglo-French draft will essential in war leaders,"—Reuter, pected to be about 500,000 tons all destruction of mining inc depend largely upon the extent to which the Union is given an effective voice\_in\_long-term\_policy\_decisions | SPORT\_ROUND-UP: affecting the economic future of Germany within the general framework of West European co-operation. Whether or not this question is ! specifically covered in the draft, the opportunity for a decision on this point will arise on February 19, when the British, French and American conversations on Germany.

# Persia Rejects Soviet Note

open in London.-Reuter,

Teheran, Feb. 5.—Persia has on the alleged activities of the my age will be a heavy responsi- Spain versus Sweden. Switzerland hances the ore mined council to the disturbance bands; 10.30,—The news; United States military mission bility—one which I feel reluctant to versus Pakistan. Italy versus Poland. mode condition and the condition of transport and other disturbance of the polar polarity of the pol here, but counter-necused the accept—but if required to do so, I Russians of protecting frontier feel this would be my final oppor-"marauders," it was disclosed tunity to serve the game which has tonight when the official tost of played such a big part in my life." tonight when the official text of the Persian reply was made

Rejecting the Soviet charges of will be his last first-class game in Britain versus India match. Czechoagainst the laxity in housing and in American interference in Persian Australia.—Reuter. affairs, the note disclosed that Persia M. B. Khrapchenko, chairman of intended, when the war ended, to the Arts Committee of the Govern- buy arms from the Soviet Union.

The Americans offered lower pri- pies here as they swept to clean-The note accused the Soviet seventh place to third in team stand-

"polley of aggression."-United against the Persian Government in cans from the moment Mrs. Gret-1946 and of having given the rebel chen Fraser, the housewife from leaders refuge.

Vancouver, The note ends with an appeal to across first in the women's special dent Truman today said that the Soviet Union to cease to protect slalom until Dick Button of Engle- unless. Congress acts to stop "adventurers and marauding ele- wood, New Jersey, won the men's ments," whose activities inside agure skating as the sun set over the dangerous prospect of an the Central and provincial Govern-Russia are, it says, directed against the snoweled alps. Persin's security,-Reuter.

# STRANDED

Penzance, Feb. 5.—The men in States 521/4, Norway 481/4, Austria reporters that unless some way was from Land's End, have only enough Britain 7, Holland 6, Hungary 5, awful spiral," the inflationary trend stores left them to last today. They have not been relieved for Press. 73 days and a helicopter is being prepared at Huldrose, near Pen-

rance, to drop them food. A 40-miles per hour gaie is raging made here today, the Netherlands, tound the rock and the other light- Portugal and Norway all drew byes houses due for relief are Bishop's in the first round of the European 1. South America. 2. Stoicism and Rock, six miles from Saint Mary's, Zone and automatically enter the Lighthouse, two miles from Land's and Argentina also drew first round

Writing for the Fortnightly | forward into Slam' to deal with any Observer, General Bennett said: attempted Japanese landing, General Bennett said this was wise; as the "Brooke-Popham was not a "operation was doomed to failure". "One division. in size and quality,

> the landings," .General Bennett said. "On December 6, 1941, our air force reported two Japanese convoys. Until It was certain, without doubt. that the fleet was destined for Malaya. Air Chief Marshal Brooke-Popham was unable to attack.

"It was weak, however, to send a single Catalina to shadow the the impression that he was tired and fleet. The plane was probably destroyed. A flight, or at least two planes, may have enabled the news. so urgently needed, to reach the Commander-in-Chief."

Casus Belli

General Bennett continued: "The the Japanese fleet was so important the Commander-in-Chief would have been justified in sending

"Had the enemy attacked this unit, casus belli would have arisen at Pakistan, the report says, has 1947. "The plane shortage was serious, once, possibly some hours before the suffered not only from adverse

move the 11th Indian Division small but powerful naval squadron because the northern Malayan tries is to be prevented. nerodromes were untenable or badly | The report says: "The production those parts of the Far East that "A fighter squadron arrived to see about 750,000 tons under the previous the Prince of Wales sinking. If the year, and the production of rice I planes could reach the place where about 2,500,000 tons lower.

there in time to save the ships." that section of the report claiming India will need to import a minimum that fighting was under conditions of 2,000,000 tons more bread grain London, Feb. 5.—The French with which the British Empire had than during the previous year to

#### Japanese Infiltration

infiltration methods adopted by the than they had last year. Germans in the early European But the present levels are ex-

"All these methods adopted by the tries, especially in the Far East. Japanese in Malaya were, at least in part, responsible for the failures in battle," he said.

idea of a closer association with well have placed at the front of all tons short of the quantity needed "Finally, the undernourishment of Britain and France, they would the reasons for the defeat the lack to maintain the 1948 bread rations the workers that has resulted from await receipt of the actual proposal of preparedness of our Empire for in the deficit countries during 1947 the shortage of food is in no small planes flying in the area to maintain before committing themselves to war and the development, during to 1948.

cricket team this summer.

Bradman is now 39 years of age.

U.S. OLYMPIC SUCCESS

St. Moritz, Feb. 5.—Climaxing an

amazing comeback, United States

the seventh day of the Winter Olym-

Olympics began in 1924.

DAVIS CUP DRAW

Washington, Feb. 5.—In the draw

for the 1948 Davis Cup competition

Washington, flashed

Their triumphs were the first ever economic crash.

scored by Americans in either skiling At a press conference, Mr Truman

or figure skating since the Winter relterated in strong words his desire

on Associated Press tabulation, were. | tinuous rise in the price of cost-of-

Switzerland 69, Sweden 62, United living items, the President told

Belgium 3, Canada 4.-Associated would proceed to its logical con-

The team standings tonight, based Waving a chart showing the con-

after the tour.

but will retire from cricket shall, was:



"It isn't the 20-year sentence they gave you-I don't mind that. It's the idea of losing my first blg case.

# Report On Far East Economic Position

Lake Success, Feb. 5 .- On the balance, it appears that food production in the Far East may be approximately the same this year as last, but the continuing population increase is such that the production per person will probably be lower, says a report prepared by the United Nations Department of Economic Affairs.

weather but even more serious- same the "Operation Matador" plan to down with the Prince of Wales) food situation in these coun-

of wheat in India and Pakistan is

"It is doubtful if the entire decrease increased rice imports; with the General Bennett disagreed with decline in wheat production as well,

"Other deficit bread grain areas of the world, taken as a whole, may be able to maintain consumption

tremely low in some of these coun-

#### Rice Exports

"The present outlook is that with-The recent joint declaration by ese tanks in Malaya were easily dealt exporting countries, the exportable tion. supplies of bread and coarse grain "Inflation and political unrest are

"The rice exports from the three the industrial output. Observers here agree that the "This made our leaders passive Far Eastern exporting areas—Bur-

In the second round, the Nether-

North American Zone: 1st round:

Truman Warns

Of Crash

for legislation to curb inflation.

clusion. This logical conclusion, he

Asked whether he planned any

new appeals to Congress, Mr Truman

sald he would continue to tell the

House and Senate what the situation

was, but that action was up to them.

were taken off.—United Press.

ndded, would be a crash. .

Mexico

gium will meet Argentina.

| Australia versus Cuba.

versus Canada,--Reuter.

BRADMAN AVAILABLE

FOR NEXT TEST

Melbourne, Feb. 5.—Don Bradman, Australia's Test

The 11th Test match against lands will meet Portugal. Norway

captain, stated today that he had advised his co-selectors

he would be available to tour England with the Australian

Production in India and greater in 1947-1948 than in 1946-

"Exports from other parts of the world are expected to be about the

"Since the deficits in the Far East "Air cover was refused Phillips heavy imports will be required have increased more than the dif-Writing on the decision to cancel (Vice Admiral T. Phillips who went if an acute deterioration in the ference in exportable surplus, the overall situation is expected to deteriorate slightly."

On industry, the report says: "In were subjected to enemy occupation during the war, industry suffered serious dislocation, if not complete paralysis, while in those other parts which were actively associated in attack, they could have reached in rice production can be offset by the war effort of the Allies, the industrial equipment was exposed to the strain of incessant intensive use, causing considerable deterioration of the machines that, could not be adequately maintained. War Damage

"War damage to public utilities and wear and tear on what installations and equipment could be kept in He stated that the Japanese used levels with slightly smaller imports use have drastically curtailed the water in industrial centres in many countries of the region and have accordingly hampered their industrial

"Recovery has been held back also by the lack of foreign exchange necessary to purchase new, or to renext step—the despatch of the draft "Subsequent operations in the text for consideration by the Benelux Pacific islands showed little scope for utilisation in both importing and the lack of domestic capital forma-

will fall approximately 10,000,000 further slowing down reconstruction.

Benefux reception of what is now and destroyed aggressiveness, a trait ma, Siam and Indo-China—are ex- is below prewar in practically the loint Apple Franck and destroyed aggressiveness, a trait ma, Siam and Indo-China—are ex- is below prewar in practically tions and oil refineries, for the H.K.T restoration or replacement of which the requisite capital and materials are lacking, has, so far, prevented the resumption of oil production in

### Oil And Minerals

"In Indonesia, oil production in 1947 amounted to only five percent of the prewar output.

is negligible. Production in Malaya is only about 14 percent of the prewar, were available, production is Close Down. Bradman said: "Today I In the North American Zone, Aus- delayed by technical obstacles, advised my co-selectors that I tralia meets Cuba in the first round, while silver production has risen advised my co-selectors that I The full draw made by the Secre slightly above, and coal production will be available for England, tary of State, General George Mar- well above, the prewar levels.

European Zone-1st Round: Britain only a fraction of what it was before after the tour.
"I recognise that another tour at France Hungary versus Austria tion of transport and other distort American dance bands; 10.30,—Music Turkey versus Yugoslavia, Ireland to domestic industries in acute need to-day's papers; 12.10.—Interlude; 12.15. versus Luxembourg. Egypt versus of it.

rallway, highway and industrial de- 15.15,-Programme announcements; 15.20,-India, which starts here tomorrow, will meet the winners of the velopment. An Advisory Planning symphonic suite, Scheherezade. London slovakin will meet Brazil, and Bel- Board was created in 1946. "The government is planning to

undertake and operate many large hydro-electric projects, such as the Damodar project, and a large government-owned artificial fertiliser factory is understood to be nearing completion.

#### Development Plans "The provincial governments of

the Dominion of India also have many plans. Emphasis in all the Indian plans is on industrial and power development, although plans, Washington, Feb. 5 .- Presi- for the development of communications, literacy and hospitals also occupy a prominent place. "The information relating to India

ments will involve about £1,250,-"Electrical development, railways,

roads and agriculture account for the greatest expense. "Also included in the plans is the annual production by 1952 of an additional 3,000,000 tons of food

46, France 39, Finland 38, Italy 24, found to stop what he called "this grains, "The Dominion of Pakistan is in a stronger position agriculturally than the Dominion of India. Further, its jute and tea exports are expected to strengthen its balance of payments position. On the other hand. Pakistan has less than a proportionate share of the sub-continent's industries, and coal deposits. "Although it is too early to deter-

He did not agree that full production was the answer to inflation. mine the main lines of development He said production was more than planning in Pakistan, it is certain ample when prices were controlled that the development of hydroand that prices rose when controls electricity will play a crucial part."

# Korea Commission To See Little Assembly

Scoul, Feb. 5 .-- As a result of the thorough expose of political conditions in South Korea by Australia's S. H. Jackson, it is believed to be a foregone conclusion that the United Nations Commission will vote tomorrow to send a delegation to the United Nations Little Assembly to consult and to obtain authority for holding elections. in South Korea.

Little Assembly two questions. tions could be assured. Firstly, in view of the current state of affairs, can the Comsecondly, assuming there is in existence a free atmosphere, does the Assembly want the Commission to hold elections in South Korea.

Mr Jackson expressed the view that conclusion that the Commission must Korean public opinion demands that now report its findings to the Little some kind of election be held, but Assembly and request instructions. system and not without first securing authority from the United Notices. Notices

#### Control Of Polico

It is believed that Mr Jackson, who is chairman of sub-Committee No. 2 1 for the possible election.—United which has been consulting Koreans, protested against the allegedly complete political control of the Chief of National Police, Dr Gough Pyongok, and convinced a majority of the delegates that the South Koren police system must be drastically revised

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# BROADCAST

6, Studio: Children's Half Hour; 6.30, Studio: Portuguese Half Hour; 7, London Relay: World and Home News: 7.15. Studio: "You Asked for it" Varlety Request Programme presented by Lynn Frazer: 8.15, BBC Transcription Service: vocal Recital by Ruby Pheroz Pavri Note The new subscription fees. (Soprano) with Piano accompaniment by the Very Rev. Father Riganti: 9.50, Inter-lude: 9, London Relay: News: 9.10, Weather Report; 9.11, BBC Transcription "Tin mining in Burma at present | Service: "Under the Dome"; 9.40, Wegner: "Die Walkure Act 2. Sung by Marta Fuchs, Lauritz Melchlor, Lotte Lehmann, Margareta Klose, Emanuel List, Hans war output; but in Indonesia, where Hotter with Vienna Philharmonle Or-

### BBC PROGRAMME

"Mineral production in China is Overseas Service which may be heard in Hongkong this evening are: GMT 10.00 .- Current affairs; 10.15 .--On with the music; 13,00,-The news; "In India, great interest is taken in development planning, and the Dominion Government has plans for newsreel; 14.15.—Soldier of fortune; prom. Rimsky-Korsakov's Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Antal Dorati (gramophone records) 16.00.—The news; 16.10.—News Analysis; 16,15-The University programme. Pure and applied science-Introductory talk by Professor R. A. Peters, Blochemistry and Physiology, by Sir Howard W. Florey: 10.35.-Composer of the week. Cesar Franck (gramophone records); 16.45 World affairs. A talk by Donald Mc-Lachlan: 17.00.—Big Ben. Radio newsreel; 17,15,-Close down.

The delegation will ask the | before the semblance of free elec-

As a result of today's meeting, the Philippines remains the only nation favouring immediate elections for mission upset the National South Korea, with only the half-Government 'Assembly: and hearted support of 'China's Dr Liu Yu-wan, who, it is understood, feels the Little Assembly is too weak an organisation to be saddled with the Korean problem.

The spokesman said earlier that Canada, India and El Salvador The Commission spokesman said "generally supported" Australia's not without certain radical altern- . He added that although the questions in the South Korea police tion, which will be voted tomorrow, doubt" it will be decided affirma-

> The spokesman said the Commission has set an unofficial deadline of May

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